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Professional Biography of John Wm. Butler, Jr.



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Partner

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
Corporate Restructuring

Jack Butler is co-leader of Skadden's worldwide corporate restructuring practice, which serves corporations and their principal creditors and investors by providing value-added legal solutions in troubled company M&A, financing and restructuring situations. He has acted as lead counsel for sellers, purchasers and creditors in hundreds of transactions across the Americas as well as cross-border transactions in Asia, Australia, Europe and the Middle East. Mr. Butler also advises officers and directors of public companies involved in debt restructuring on matters related to corporate governance and fiduciary duty.

Mr. Butler's representative company matters include the restructuring of Delphi Corporation, Friedman's Inc., Haynes International, Inc., Kmart Corporation, Per-Se Technologies, Inc. (formerly Medaphis Corporation), Rite Aid Corporation, Singer N.V., Venator Group, Inc., Wickes Furniture Co., Inc. and Xerox Corporation, and special counsel representations of 360/networks, inc., Enron Corporation and The Warnaco Group, Inc. He also represented US Airways Group, Inc. in its 2002 restructuring, which provided the company with \$1.24 billion in liquidity. Mr. Butler has substantial experience in representing companies in transactions that provided for the disposition of their assets and operating businesses to third parties as part of Chapter 11 cases, including: Air Transport International LLC, Comdisco, Inc., Eagle Food Centers, Inc., FPA Medical Management, Inc., Peter J. Schmitt Co., Inc., Service Merchandise Company, Inc. and USN Communications, Inc.

Mr. Butler's cross-border experience includes representing numerous companies such as AM International, Inc., Comdisco, Singer, Warnaco and Xerox with the restructuring of their subsidiaries located outside the United States, international financing transactions, and divestiture of various business lines and entities. He has also advised on cross-border matters on behalf of Faurecia N.A., a French automotive equipment supplier, in connection with distressed acquisitions and other matters; and Lightel, S.A. and Tess, S.A., Brazilian telecommunications companies, in connection with the financing and structuring of various privatization transactions in Brazil.

Representative creditor matters include advice to Bankers Trust Company, as agent for the senior lenders in the reorganization cases of Bradlees, Inc. and The Grand Union Company; Credit Suisse First Boston, in connection with the restructuring and sale of Long John Silver's restaurants; and Verizon Capital Corporation and its special purpose affiliates in the reorganization cases of PG&E National Energy Group, Inc. and USGen New England, Inc.

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Education

J.D., University of Michigan Law School, 1980

A.B., Princeton University, 1977
(*magna cum laude*)

Admissions

Illinois
Michigan
U.S. Supreme Court

Associations/Affiliations

Chairman (1996-1997) and Director (1991-1999, 2001-2004), Turnaround Management Association

Fellow, American College of Bankruptcy (Elected 1997)

Fellow, International Insolvency Institute (Elected 2002)

Director, American Bankruptcy Institute (1992-1998)

Chairman (1997) and Director (1993-2003), American Board of Certification

Chairman (1997), Governing Board, Commercial Finance Association Education Foundation

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Mr. Butler was the recipient of the first-ever Chairman's Award from the Turnaround Management Association in 2001 for his contributions to and standing in the corporate renewal industry. He has been listed in all editions of the *K&A Restructuring Register*, the peer group listing of the top restructuring attorneys and financial advisors in the United States; has been named by *Turnarounds & Workouts* to its list of the top dozen restructuring lawyers in America for the last seven consecutive years; is listed as a leader in the corporate restructuring and insolvency field in *Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business 2005* and in the 10th edition (2005) of *Global Counsel (PLC Which Lawyer?)*; and was named as one of the top 25 most highly regarded global restructuring lawyers in the 2005 edition of *The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers* and as one of the top 10 worldwide restructuring lawyers in 2002 by *Global Counsel* magazine.

In addition, Mr. Butler was profiled as one of the "Dealmakers of the Year" by *The American Lawyer* in its 2004 Corporate Scorecard issue (April 2004); was named to the BTI Consulting Group's Client Service All-Star Team for 2004 based on interviews with more than 200 corporate counsel at *Fortune* 1000 companies; and was selected as one of the top 100 lawyers in Illinois in 2005 by *Law & Politics* and *Chicago* magazine.

Associate General Counsel, Commercial Finance Association (1998-2002)

Group of Thirty Six INSOL International (1995-present)

Co-Chair, 2005 INSOL World Congress

Chairman (1998 and 2003), Turnaround Management Association Tenth and Fifteenth Anniversary Conventions

Co-Chair, *The American Lawyer* and Zeughauser Group Best in the Business: Annual Practice Leaders Conference (2004-present)

Co-Chair, Renaissance American/BeardGroup Corporate Reorganizations Conference (1999-present) and Healthcare Transactions Conference (2000-present)

Executive Advisory Council, Children Affected by AIDS Foundation (2003-present)

Board of Governors, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (1998-present)

Day School Advisory Board, St. Chrysostom's Day School (2005-present)

Second Century Campaign Steering Committee, Francis W. Parker School (2005-present)

John Maclean Society, Princeton University (1985-present)